

Ajinomoto Group and CJ Group Settles Feed-use Amino Acid Patent Litigation

Litigation in Germany Terminated by Settlement Payment from CJ Group

Tokyo, January 17th, 2023 – Ajinomoto Co., Inc. has reached a settlement with CJ CheilJedang Corp. of South Korea and its subsidiaries (collectively “CJ Group”), handling import and sales of feed-use amino acid tryptophan products, to terminate patent litigation in Germany. Ajinomoto Group filed the patent litigation relating to processes for manufacturing tryptophan in Düsseldorf District Court on May 10, 2016. Ajinomoto Group has received a settlement payment from CJ Group and the pending German litigation has been withdrawn. Ajinomoto Group’s patents remain valid and enforceable.

The Ajinomoto Group will continue its research and development so as to further contribute to solving health issues by utilizing the knowledge and technology cultivated through more than 100 years of amino acid research. We believe that infringement of patent rights and other intellectual property rights hinders such research efforts, and we will continue to enforce and protect our intellectual property rights.

Reference

Press release dated May 11, 2016

Ajinomoto Co., Inc. Files Patent Infringement Suits in the United States and Europe Regarding Tryptophan
https://www.ajinomoto.co.jp/company/en/presscenter/press/detail/g2016_05_11.html

Press release dated March 9, 2022

Ajinomoto Group and CJ Group Settles US Patent Litigation

CJ Group Pays Settlement Money

https://www.ajinomoto.com/cms_wp_ajmnt_global/wp-content/uploads/pdf/2022_03_09_01E.pdf

Press release dated May 31, 2022

Ajinomoto Co., Inc. and CJ Japan Corp. Settle Japan Patent Litigation

Regarding Manufacturing Process for Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) Products

CJ Japan Pays Settlement Money

https://www.ajinomoto.com/cms_wp_ajmnt_global/wp-content/uploads/pdf/2022_05_31E.pdf

The Ajinomoto Group, unlocking the power of amino acids, aims to resolve food and health issues associated with dietary habits and aging, and contribute to greater wellness for people worldwide.

Based on the corporate message “Eat Well, Live Well.”, we have been scientifically pursuing the possibilities of amino acids to aim for future growth by creating new value through sustainable and innovative solutions for communities and society.

The Ajinomoto Group has offices in 36 countries and regions, and sells products in more than 130 countries and regions. In fiscal 2021, sales were 1.1493 trillion yen (10.2 billion U.S. dollars). To learn more, visit www.ajinomoto.com.

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